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TO AMEMBASSY SANTO DOMINGO IMMEDIATE
INFO AMEMBASSY MADRID PRIORITY
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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - AEROVIAS QUISQUEYANA (QQ); POTENTIAL
STRANDING CASES

1. EMBASSY SANTO DOMINGO MAY RECOGNIZE QUISQUEYANA AS
DOMINICAN CARRIER WHICH HAS BEEN SOURCE OF CONCERN IN
PAST. DEPT HAS NOW LEARNED THAT QUISQUEYANA'S ONLY
AIRCRAFT, A BOEING 707 OPERATED BY QQ UNDER CONDITIONAL
SALES CONTRACT FROM JET POWER INC, HAS BEEN RETURNED TO
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JET POWER PER APPARENT COURT ACTION. QQ MIAMI "VP"
JACOB BASNA TOLD CAB THAT QQ WAS BUYING A 707 FROM
PAN AM. PAN AM INFORMS DEPT THAT BASNA AIR SERVICES
FORFEITED A 30 THOUSAND DOLLAR DEPOSIT BECAUSE BASNA
DID NOT PAY BALANCE UNDER AGREEMENT. PAN AM ADVISES
THAT THEY HAVE NO NEGOTIATIONS WITH BASNA OR QQ AT

PRESENT. BASNA ALSO ADVISED CAB THAT QQ WAS CHARTERING ANOTHER AIRCRAFT, AND IF THAT FELL THROUGH, WOULD ARRANGE SUBSERVICE BY ANOTHER CARRIER. WE BELIEVE QQ MAY NOT SUCCEED IN OBTAINING ANOTHER AIRCRAFT, PRESENTING POSSIBLE STRANDING CASE.

2. DEPT IS UNABLE TO GET FIRM ANSWER REGARDING NUMBERS OF AMCIT PASSENGERS WHICH QQ MAY HAVE CARRIED OVERSEAS. QQ FLIES SCHEDULED 707 SERVICE MIAMI-SANTO DOMINGO, WHICH CONNECTS WITH QQ ROUTE TO MADRID AND ROME. WE HAVE NO FIGURES FOR POTENTIAL STRANDEES IN SANTO DOMINGO, MADRID, OR ROME, FOR QQ'S SCHEDULED FLIGHTS. WE DO KNOW THAT QQ CHARTER FLIGHTS HAVE TRANSPORTED AS MANY AS 500 NEW YORK AREA PASSENGERS TO SANTO DOMINGO ON THREE "AFFINITY CHARTER" FLIGHTS, DEC 20, 23, 27. THESE FLIGHTS WERE CHARTERED BY THE DOMINICAN-AMERICAN CIVIC ASSOCIATION, AND ARE DUE TO RETURN FROM SANTO DOMINGO ON JANUARY 2, 6, AND 13. WHILE PASSENGER LISTS FILED WITH CAB SHOWED 158, 95, AND 47 PASSENGERS ON THE CHARTERS, IT IS HIGHLY POSSIBLE THE AIRPLANE FLEW WITH NEARLY FULL LOADS OF 175.

3. DEPT UNDERSTANDS THAT QQ FAILED TO MEET AN OBLIGATION TO TRANSPORT A PLANE-LOAD OF PASSENGERS FROM BALTIMORE TO SANTO DOMINGO FOR AN INCLUSIVE (PACKAGE) TOUR. CHARTERER (TOWSON TRAVEL CENTER, TOWSON, MD) ARRANGED TRAVEL ON DEC 26 BY TWA. GROUP IS SCHEDULED TO RETURN FROM SANTO DOMINGO ON JANUARY 2. AGENCY IS PRESENTLY ATTEMPTING TO ARRANGE TRAVEL. CONSULAR OFFICER MAY WISH TO CONTACT TOUR ESCORT SUSAN CONNOLLY, AT SANTO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DOMINGO HOTEL.

4. SCS IS PREPARING GUIDANCE FOR HANDLING POTENTIAL STRANDING PROBLEM, BEING TRANSMITTED BY SEPTTEL. ROBINSON

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